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The Russian artillery promptly the Japanese from pursuing, and during the night the Russians withdrew toward Hai-Cheng.

The Japanese casualties were about 400. General Kuroki has telegraphed that in the two days' fighting at Yangtze and Tushun, his losses were six officers killed, sixteen officers wounded and 80 men killed and wounded.

LOSS REACHES 20,000

Report of Slaughter of Japanese Received in St. Petersburg.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, August 3, 1:25 P. M.—The first Russian report of the storming operations at Port Arthur has just been received from the consul of Russia at Chefoo, dated today. It says a general attack began Saturday, with the Japanese in immense force. There were two days of a bombardment of unprecedented violence. The Japanese at the time of sending this dispatch, the consul adds, had everywhere been repulsed with great loss. The Japanese casualties possibly reach 20,000, but the Russian losses were insignificant.

The consul further reports that the Russians have an abundance of ammunition. The telegram does not mention naval operations, but it is here considered possible that the Russian warships participated in shelling the besiegers from the sea.

WERE BEATEN BACK

Further Particulars of the Japanese Repulse at Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.) CHIO FOO, August 3, 1:25 P. M.—The steamer Wuchow, which has arrived here from New Chwang, brings further details of the latest Japanese assault on Port Arthur. When nearing Chefoo, the Wuchow picked up a junk carrying several men, four women and one boy, who left Port Arthur yesterday. They report that the fighting north of the city of Port Arthur occurred at Wolf Hill and was sanguinary, resulting in the repulse of the Japanese. This hill is situated near the railroad, and eight trains were kept busy bringing the wounded soldiers into the city. The wounded men from the east forts reached Port Arthur in all kinds of vehicles, many however, coming afoot, dragging shattered limbs.

The Russians unite in declaring that the fortress will never fall, but they expect that, scarcely a building will be left in the city where now there is scarcely a whole pane of glass. The Wuchow confirms the statement that the fighting abated during the night of July 28th, but had not completely subsided when the refugees left.

The Russian fleet, from its anchorage, shelled the advancing Japanese, after returning from what seems to have been a reconnoiter. The Japanese arriving here to-night say the Japanese captured two light armored forts on the eastern shore, but abandoned them when their comrades were repulsed from other positions. The Russians, however, insist that this is untrue.

The Japanese, while repulsed, have by no means been beaten back, and a renewal of the fighting was expected when the junk departed yesterday from Port Arthur.

The Japanese are now occupying the outpost trenches which they captured from the Russians. The Japanese are reported to be in excellent condition.

KASAGA SUNK

Report That Armored Cruiser Has Been Destroyed Creates Great Sensation.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, Aug. 3.—The Giornale d'Italia today published in an extra edition, the dispatch from Tokyo announcing that the Japanese armored cruiser Kasaga, formerly the Argentine warship Rivadavia, has been sunk. The announcement caused a great sensation here.

WARNING NEWS

Emperor at Peterhof Receives Startling Telegram—Alex. Is Disturbed.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3—5:45 P. M.—The correspondent of the Associated Press bears that Emperor Nicholas has just received a telegram at Peterhof, containing warning news.

It is also reported that Viceroy Alexeff, who had gone to Harbin on his way to Vladivostok returned to Liao Yang and conferred with General Kuropatkin regarding the situation.

Blow Up Gunboat.
(By Associated Press.) LONDON, August 4.—The Daily Mail this morning has the following from New Chwang under date of August 3: "The Russian gunboat Sivouch (which has been in the Liao River since the beginning of the war) has been deserted and blown up near Sanchuanbusha, and the crew with the vessel's guns have started for Liao Yang. Two Japanese gunboats went on Monday to reconnoiter the position of the Sivouch, and were fired upon."

Looking Far Ahead.
(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, August 4.—According to a message received from Harbin, General Kuropatkin has ordered the removal from that place all useless civilians in order to provide the greatest possible

defensive force.

The Italian steamship II Piemonte, which was grounded off Tampa, on day last week, arrived here today and went to the shipyard for repairs. The vessel will be placed in the dry-dock to have her bottom examined and repaired.

The Italian steamship II Piemonte, which has been in the dry-dock for repairs to her propeller, was floated out today and will probably sail to-morrow.

New Grove of Druids.

A charter has been granted to a number of men, most of them former members of the Order of the United Druids, for the establishment of a new Grove of Druids here. The Grove will be visited Friday night by State Organizer B. H. Hudson.

Ill From Fright.

Mrs. John Glasseman, who was so badly frightened by the slaughter house fire near her home on the Brooke Road Sunday night, is still very ill. She has been in bed for a long time, but was improving until the fire gave her a set-back.

Accepts a Professorship.

Mr. John L. Armstrong, of Maryland, of the class of 1894 of the Union Theological Seminary, has been offered and has accepted the chair of moral philosophy and biblical studies at Hampton-Sidney College. The position was offered to Dr. Richard McIlwaine, who declined it.

Smith—Cobb.

Mr. Allen J. Smith and Miss Rosa Bell Cobb, both of this city, were wedded at 7 P. M. Tuesday, July 26, at the Venetian Hotel, by Rev. J. C. Mason, of the Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Mason, of the Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Mason, of the Episcopal Church.



MY BEST DAY'S WORK.

The report that Rais Ul has written us ordering an Ouling Suit is not true—but his order may come in any moment, as he appreciates American products, and must know that our clothes are the best in the world.

Our out-throat prices to-day would interest him, or any man, who wants to save five dollars on a suit.

\$12.50 Suits at \$7.50.

Homespun and Flannel in the modern, common-sense, loose, fashionable style.

All \$8.50 low shoes are now \$2.88!



Men & Boys' Outfitters.

able accommodation for the winter quarters of the Russian army.

THOUSAND MEN SLAIN

Russians Make Disastrous Attempt to Push Back Japanese.

(By Associated Press.) LIAO YANG, August 2—Delayed in transmission.—The Russian attempt to push back a numerically superior body of Japanese from Kuchiatzu on July 31st, resulted in an admitted Russian loss of 1,000 men.

Ryan is Hopeful.

Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, the New York railroad magnate, who holds his legal residence in Virginia, is out in an optimistic mood.

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THOMAS MADE PRESIDENT

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The members of the Virginia Association think they have the most efficient secretary in the country.

The resolution amending the constitution so as to give the Executive Committee the power to fix the time for holding sessions of the annual convention was defeated by an overwhelming vote with but little debate. The feature of the session today was an admirable paper read by R. G. Bickford, of Newport News, on "The Needs of the Merchant Marine of the United States." Mr. Bickford is one of the foremost authorities in this country on the subject of the merchant navy.

Importance of Merchant Marine.
President Hamilton called the convention to order and at once gave the floor to Mr. R. G. Bickford, of Newport News, who read an exceedingly interesting paper entitled "The Merchant Marine of the United States." Mr. Bickford said in the outset that he had not the honor to move an important question confronting the American people than this of building up a merchant marine. He sketched briefly the history of the navy of Spain, France and Holland, and devoted much time to the history of the British merchant marine. He sketched briefly the history of the navy of Spain, France and Holland, and devoted much time to the history of the British merchant marine.

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A LETTER TO OUR READERS.

25 Cottage St., Melrose, Mass., January 11, 1904.

Dear Sir:—Ever since I was in the army, I had more or less kidney trouble, and within the past year it became so severe and complicated that I suffered everything that was much alarmed my strength and power was fast leaving me. I saw an advertisement of Swamp-Root and wrote, asking for advice. I began the use of the medicine and noted a decided improvement after taking Swamp-Root a short time.

I continued its use and am thankful to say that I am entirely cured and strong. In order to be very sure about this, I had a doctor examine some of my water today, and he pronounced it all right, and in splendid condition.

Like you, Swamp-Root is purely vegetable, and does not contain any harmful drugs. Thanking you for my complete recovery and recommending Swamp-Root to all sufferers, I am, Very truly yours,

T. C. RICHARDSON.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail, also a book telling all about Swamp-Root. If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular bottle for fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

The executive committee authority to fix the date of holding the annual convention.

Mr. Frank T. Glasgow strongly opposed the amendment, which provided that the convention should be held in July or August. He said, was not more becoming a vacation month for lawyers. Regarding the place of meeting, Mr. Glasgow said he would like to have some of the meetings held at the shore, and suggested that on the third of the meetings be held by the sea waves. Mr. Hamilton said he thought the meetings should be held in July or August, and Judge Harrison took the same view.

Colonel W. W. Old, of Norfolk, requested that the secretary, by referring to the record, inform the association as to the attendance at the convention since its origination at Virginia Beach in 1888. The information was supplied, and it was found that the largest number present at any session was 136 at Virginia Beach in 1894.

Mr. A. W. Patterson, chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Butler, secretary, of the committee, spoke briefly for the proposed amendment. Mr. Patterson said he believed a session at Richmond in the winter would be very largely attended.

Mr. Massie, advocating the amendment, said he had been attending the courts since the circuits had sessions in August, though in response to a question from Mr. Thornton, he admitted that he had not attended the matter of allowing a vacation of the courts in August.

The amendment was lost on an aye and no vote. Mr. Thompson proposed a resolution respectfully requesting the judges of the courts to fix no terms of the courts to be held in the month of August. This was unanimously adopted.

Judge Henson thought the date of the annual convention should be fixed for the second week in August, as many judges began terms of courts the last week in July, and the convention could not adjourn until the first of August.

Mr. Caton moved to dispense with the evening meeting, but Mr. Thornton, who was in charge of the convention, should receive the report of the committee appointed to report upon the advisability of purchasing the hotel at the convention, and converting it into the headquarters of the association. Mr. Caton's resolution prevailed, and the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning when Judge Francis B. Baker, of Indiana, will deliver the annual address.

The question of purchasing the John Marshall home will be acted on to-morrow.

Some Political Chat.
It was expected that a number of arrivals would have been seen this morning, but they were few. Mr. James B. Patton, of Alexandria, was a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the Lieutenant-Governorship, was among the number that arrived at midnight. He has been circulating among his friends all day. "I believe I will be nominated," he said today, "though it is, of course, a long time before the nomination is made. As far as I am concerned, I am not a candidate for the nomination to second place on the ticket, except Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth. I think the party will elect Mr. Catton, and Bland are members of the House of Delegates."

Attorney-General Anderson is one of the members of the convention. It is believed that he will not have opposition for re-nomination to the attorney-generalship next year. He is a member of the House of Delegates, and is a candidate for the nomination to second place on the ticket, except Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth. I think the party will elect Mr. Catton, and Bland are members of the House of Delegates."

Representative Swanson is as busy as a man could be with his friends from various parts of the State, and learning the lay of the land politically.

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WANT THEM EXAMINED

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Referendum Committee, presented his report, which was followed by the reading of the report from the License Committee. This report related to the curing of legislation for the licensing of stationary engineers throughout the country, which is one of the prime objects of the association. Several States have already enacted laws requiring engineers, just as a physician or druggist now has to do in the State of Virginia. It is the purpose of the association to secure such legislation through the work of the local bodies, and when a sufficient number of States have taken such action it is the intention of the association to act to work to have national legislation.

Mr. Snyder, in the course of his report, offered several recommendations to local associations—one to popularize the movement and another to enlist influential citizens as honorary members in their respective localities. He further recommended that they secure the services of corporation lawyers to assist in the carrying out of their plans.

Education Committee.
The report of the Education Committee, the first of the important reports, was presented by Chairman Albert H. Smith. Education and the up-lifting of American stationary engineers is the first object of the association, and therefore the interest in the reading of this report was marked.

During the week this committee sends out questions to be answered by the various local associations, and when they have been returned to the committee for their inspection, they are examined rigidly and given a mark. The association will then award a handsome prize. The questions asked are those on matters which confront engineers in their daily work, and therefore prove of inestimable value to operators of large plants, as well as the engineers themselves. The first prize awarded to Massachusetts Association, No. 21. The second prize a technical library, which went to New York Association, No. 15, and the third a plain writing instrument, No. 16.

Mr. J. W. Lane, Jr., chairman of the Home Committee, submitted his report, which showed what had been done to wards securing necessary data relative to the cost of construction and maintenance of homes all over the country. The body then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

Convention Gossip.
At the day of election of officers, to-morrow, approaches, the political aspect is taking on a business right along. The fight for the convention gets hotter as adjournment approaches. The real issue will be between Louisville and Detroit. It is said that since Pennsylvania had decided to push Louisville, the vice-presidency will not continue her fight for the convention to go to Philadelphia.

There are now candidates for the presidency—Messrs. E. G. Heeger, of Evansville, Ind.; Royal D. Tomlinson, of New York; Samuel B. Forester, of Chicago; and John H. Milwaukee, the present treasurer. Opinion seems to prevail that the fight for the office is between Mr. Heeger and Mr. Tomlinson.

He has then skinned a mile," said Dan E. Smook, Oregon Association. No. 1, who lived in from Portland, Ore., and traveled to the convention. He says he is glad he came.

Jack Armour, the prince of entertainers, who has been through the stationery engineers, is here with the goods and is keeping the boys on the move. His wit and humor is the life of the convention.

Nick Kelly, of Buffalo, N. Y., is a jolly fellow and has made those of his friends who have arrived here. Same old story—nothing new.

VISITORS SIGHT-SEEING
Delegates and Ladies Visit Points of Interest About the City.

Yesterday afternoon was given over to sightseeing, and the delegates, ladies and guests spent the afternoon visiting the various points of interest and historical points throughout the city.

At 2:30 yesterday afternoon the party assembled at the Hotel Raleigh for the day of march was formed, and they proceeded to Patterson's tobacco factory, where they were met by the manager, and listened to the singing of the dardies there employed.

Later they boarded special cars and were given a ride over the lines of the Passenger and Power Company, visiting old St. John's Church, the Confederate Soldiers' Home, and other points of interest about the city. Fully five hundred took the trip, and it was enjoyed thoroughly.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.
Opening Exercises Held Yesterday—Murphy's Annex.

The opening exercises of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N. A. S. E. were held in Murphy's Annex yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Several reports were made, and the auxiliary adjourned until this morning at 9:30.

The session was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Benson, of Rhode Island. In absence of Mrs. Susan E. Lobdell, chaplain. This was followed by several resolutions rendered by Captain Frank Cunningham.

Mrs. DeVeto, chairman of the local committee, introduced Captain Carlton McCarthy, who delivered an address of welcome.

It was responded to by Mrs. Emma Stone, president. Mrs. Stone read her annual report, which showed a membership of 900 in the United States.

While the orchestra played, a silent prayer was offered for the deceased members. Mrs. Ingleson, vice-president, read her report, which was followed by the report of Mrs. Whelpley, secretary, which showed that there are at present

41 auxiliaries in 19 States, and further showed a large increase in membership. Mrs. Grace Delaney, of New York, was the subject of the next report, and that showed the financial condition of the organization to be in splendid shape. The Home Fund Committee then reported on the work done during the year.

After the president had appointed the various committees, the auxiliary body rose